

Remarks

1. Claims 1 and 2 were cancelled prior to the Examiner's December 9, 2005 *Detailed Action*.

2. The Examiner has rejected Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112(second paragraph), and under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claim 3 has been canceled, and no further response is required.

3. The Examiner indicates that Claim 4 would be allowable is rewritten to overcome the Examiner's rejection of that claim under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (second paragraph), and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 4 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Also, in order to overcome the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection, the objectionable nomenclature "said means" has been eliminated, and the fully expressed limitation "means for pivoting the tire cradle with respect to the lift arm" has been inserted in its place. The Applicants request a finding that such clarifying amendment overcomes the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection, and the Applicants' request allowance of Amended Claim 4.

4. The Examiner has similarly rejected Claims 5-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. It is understood that said rejections are grounded upon those claims' dependence upon Claim 4. Upon allowance of Amended Claim 4, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections of Claims 5-11 be withdrawn.

5. Each of Claims 5-11 depends from Claim 4, they each having Claim 4 as a common parent claim. Upon allowance of Amended Claim 4, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of dependent Claims 5-11.

6. In the event an Examiner's Amendment would result in allowance of any or all claims, the Applicants invite and would welcome such an amendment.

Request for Payment of Fees by Deposit Account

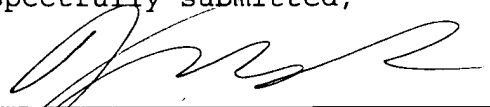
Authorization to Debit Deposit Account:

In the event that it is determined that any further payment of fees is necessary to the receipt and filing of the within response, authorization is given to withdraw from the Davis & Jack, L.L.C. USPTO Deposit Acct.

Prayer

WHEREFORE, the Applicants, Larry D. Morris and Terry L. Emond, respectfully request that pending Claims 4-11 be allowed.

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